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*Reports from Cape Colony—Plague—Examination for plague-infected animals.*

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, June 14 and 26, 1905.*

The following reports by the medical officer of health for the Colony on the occurrence of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the weeks ended June 10 and 24, 1905, are published for general information.

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*Under Colonial Secretary.*

*Week ended June 10, 1905.*

*Port Elizabeth.*—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital no cases were under treatment. Ninety-eight rats (12 found dead) and 153 mice (14 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 2 rats proved plague infected.

*Uitenhage.*—One hundred and forty-four rats (11 found dead) and 118 mice (2 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week without any signs of plague being discovered.

*East London.*—Two cases of plague were discovered during the week, namely: One European female on the 7th and 1 native male on the 8th instant. At the plague hospital 1 European female and 1 native female were discharged, and 1 native male died. Eleven cases (including 3 from King Williams Town) remain under treatment. Ninety-nine rats (57 found dead) and 34 mice (9 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 4 rats proved to be plague-infected.

*King Williams Town.*—One probable case of plague was discovered on the 9th instant; the diagnosis not yet confirmed. One hundred and eighty-two rats (26 found dead) and 132 mice (28 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 72 rats and 1 mouse proved to be plague-infected.

*Queenstown.*—No further case of plague was discovered during the week. One native male remains under treatment.

*Other districts of the Colony.*—No plague infection was discovered either in man or animals. Three hundred and sixty-two rodents were examined during the week from the Cape Town harbor board area and the shipping in the harbor, and 23 from various municipalities in the Cape Peninsula, and 671 were examined by the medical officer of health for the city from the Cape Town municipal area.

*Week ended June 24, 1905.*

*Port Elizabeth.*—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital no cases were under treatment. Ninety-one rats (7 found dead), 121 mice (10 found dead), and 2 cats (both found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 3 mice proved to be, and 1 cat probably, plague-infected.

*Uitenhage.*—Fifty-six rats (6 found dead) and 19 mice (3 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 3 rats and 3 mice proved to be plague-infected.

*East London.*—Four cases of plague were discovered during the week, namely: Two native males (after death, which occurred, respectively, on the 12th and 17th instants), 1 native female on the 19th instant, and 1 European male on the 20th instant.